

# Syllabus for Math 323

## Linear Algebra

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Section 502

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<http://www.math.tamu.edu/~nekrash/teaching/19F/323/M323.html>

**Text.** Elementary Linear Algebra by Stephen Andrilli and David Hecker, Elsevier, 2016.

**Topics covered:** Linear equations and matrices; real vector spaces, linear transformations, change of bases, determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization, inner products. Designed to include more theory and be more demanding than MATH 304. **Prerequisites:** MATH 148, MATH 152 or MATH 172; MATH 300; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

**Grading.** Your grade will be determined by homework, two midterm exams and a *cumulative* final exam. The weights of each of these are as follows.

Homework	Exam I	Exam II	Final Exam	Total
20 pt	25 pt	25 pt	30 pt	100
weekly	Oct 8	≈ Oct 31	Dec 11, 1:00–3:00 pm	

I may curve any grade and will then compute the course grade by the following rule: *A* for at least 90 points, *B* for at least 80 points, *C* for at least 70 points, *D* for at least 60 points and *F* for less than 60 points.

**Plan of lectures.**

- 8/27** 2.1. Solving Linear Systems Using Gaussian Elimination
- 9/3** 2.2. Gauss-Jordan Row Reduction and Reduced Row Echelon Form.
- 9/5** 1.1. Fundamental Operations with Vectors. 1.2. The Dot Product.
- 9/10** 1.4. Fundamental Operations with Matrices. 1.5. Matrix multiplication.
- 9/12** 2.4. Inverces of Matrices.
- 9/17** 3.1. Introduction to Determinants.
- 9/19** 3.2. Determinant and Row Reduction.
- 9/24** 3.3. Further Properties of the Determinant.
- 9/26** 4.1. Introduction to Vector Spaces.
- 10/1** 4.2. Subspaces. 4.3. Span.
- 10/3** 4.4. Linear Independence. 4.5. Basis and Dimension. 2.3. Rand and Row Space.
- 10/8** First midterm exam
- 10/10** 4.7. Constructing Special Bases. 4.7. Coordinatization.
- 10/15** 5.1. Introduction to Linear Transformation.
- 10/17** 5.2. The Matrix of a Linear Transformation.
- 10/22** 5.3. The Dimension Theorem. 5.4. One-to-One and Onto Linear Transformations.
- 10/24** 3.4. Eigenvalues and Diagonalization. 5.6. Diagonalization of Linear Transformations.
- 10/29** 5.7. Diagonalization of Linear Operators.
- 10/31** Second midterm exam
- 11/5** 6.1. Orthogonal Bases and the Gram-Schmidt Process
- 11/7** 6.2. Orthogonal Complements
- 11/12** 6.3. Orthogonal Diagonalization.

**11/14** 7.1. Complex  $n$ -Vectors and Matrices.

**11/19** 7.2. Complex Eigenvalues and Complex Eigenvectors.

**11/21** 7.4. Orthogonality in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

**11/26** 7.5. Inner Product Spaces.

**12/3** Overview

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